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These Things We Note

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Eisenhower says he will be glad to meet Stalin. Better consider, Ike, no American president or hopeful has done well at that sort of thing.

Now a professor says that pink will improve digestion. Imagine poor grandpop who could digest onions, beans, beef and a huge hunk of apple pie while watching a field of yellow wheat over a scythe.

Recently a national magazine ran an editorial accompanied by a cartoon indicating that private enterprise and presumption the whole nation was on the brink of socialism. It isn't funny. The upholders of individualism are causing things socialist and reformers socialists in every publication when we, for one, think it would be wiser for them to sit down and consider WHY we are apparently turning socialist. Calling names is not argument nor does it provide basis for remedy.

If Eddie Urems signed to play baseball for \$86,000 bonus he got \$400 per month which is pretty high for baseball pitchers however good. It must be funny to collect on a life's ambition before the work starts.

Assuming that Sherman counties pay income taxes in the same proportion they would pay property taxes they would turn in \$104,489.18 to the basic school fund from which they receive \$50,695. Multnomah county pays in \$10,068,077.77 and gets \$6,286,074. Josephine pays in \$356,479.35 and gets \$773,500.

"Yes" fits most occasions better than the more expressive "Yea", which seems hard to control.

The theory that better farming and better wheats have solved the wheat growers problems has had a long period of survival with nothing to show it false. However, if it doesn't rain this month, another, and older theory, may supplant it.

"Yea," said the old desk man, "There's nothing I like better than to have a nice empty wastebasket and a day's government mail."

It is still snowing in parts of Oregon. Winter, not content with lingering in the lap of spring, is making eyes at summer.

The Taft-Hartley law, passed by congress and favored by a majority, has seldom been enforced. It may be that the president doesn't like Taft.

Eisenhower has passed his first test as a candidate and stated his position very well and acceptably to watching Republicans. He is handicapped by inexperienced managers who are spending more time berating his opposition than extolling his virtues.

Years ago some man reputed to be wise said, "Man learned to live by dying, and life at its best is a magnificent retreat."

Edgar Lee Masters gives this epitaph to Alexander Throckmorton: In youth my wings were strong and tireless, But I did not know the mountains. In age I knew the mountains But my weary wings could not follow my vision—Genius is wisdom and youth.

There is an appeal for everyone to quit fooling around with the time since the sponsors of daylight saving initiative have decided to stop gathering signatures. Maybe the farmers will finally get lucky.

To put it in boxing language we think the voters should see that they elect candidates who are not suckers for a left hook.

Rain Falls Twice In Week Making Wheat Greener

During the past week 51 inch of rain has fallen at the Moro experiment station to make the wheat somewhat greener and to make greener the hopes of wheat growers.

The first rain was Thursday night and it was fast and furious, hitting over the mid-Columbia in varying intensities, Condon getting .25 inch and Heppner .75 inch, while Moro received .20 inch. The rain Tuesday night was of a more quiet and orderly sort, coming by night and lasting until .31 inch had fallen. Spotted rains fell over a wide area with the Horse Heaven country getting a good rain.

The average rainfall for June is .71 and it is possible to reach that figure during the month if the weather man so provides. The long range prophecy by Dr. Krick is that June this year would be warmer and drier. So far that has not been the case as the highest temperature at the local station was 88 and it has been cold instead of warm. The rainfall also is good enough for the first half of the month.

Wheat crops are damaged to some extent as the thin-land has shown up more than for several years. The rains, however, will make all grain fill better and the crop should exceed 2,000,000 bushels with the rain already fallen.

Cities, Counties Get Share of Liquor Cash

Apportionment of more than \$63,000.00 in alcoholic beverages tax revenues will go to Oregon counties and cities this week. This apportionment, based on the 1950 federal census figures, represents a distribution of \$63,011.81 for the first quarter of 1952, ending March 31st. The tax is of manufacturers and importing distributors of malt and alcoholic beverages. The revenue is derived by taking 30 cents of every \$1.30 of revenue derived from tax upon malt beverages; and 10 per cent of the revenue from the tax upon alcoholic beverages, as provided by the state liquor control act.

Money apportioned to counties must go to finance old age pensions and direct relief of indigents, but use of money allotted to cities is not restricted. Two of Oregon's incorporated cities, Monmouth and Newberg, do not participate in the apportionment because of having voted for local option.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday June 24, 1952 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Grain Growers Elect Bucholtz; Re-elect Peters and Miller

The annual meeting of the Moro Grain Growers brought a large crowd into Moro Tuesday afternoon. The meeting lasted from two o'clock until seven during which there were charges about management made and re-elected. Complete information about handling of the grain business was given as applied to the local elevators.

Elected to fill the place held by Paul Fraser was Art Bucholtz. Joe Peters and Vernon Miller were re-elected. No change in management is contemplated.

4-H Children Going To Summer School

Twenty Sherman county 4-H club members will depart Tuesday, June 17, for 4-H summer school at Oregon State college in Corvallis, County Agent T. W. Thompson, reports. Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley, club leader from Grass Valley, will be official chaperone for the group.

Boys and girls attending will be housed in college living facilities attending classes and group entertainment conducted by resident and extension personnel of OSC. The county group will travel by bus returning Friday, June 27. The Sherman county group will appear over the air via KOAC, 550 on the radio dial, at 7:30 (daylight saving time) Friday, June 20.

Those attending and scholarship donors are as follows: Hene Sather, Sherman County Fair Association; Elaine Brinkert, Alex Marshall Food Store; Sharon Coons, U.S. National Bank; Mildred Eakin, Johnston Bros. Bankers; Jean Ross, Harlandview Grange; Tonal Miller, Pomona Grange; Susie Woods, Oregon Employees Association; Vaughna Rothery, J. C. Penny Company; Sally Fields, Safeway Stores, Inc.; Kay McKay, Club Funds; Sharon Cantrell, Club Funds; Joan Eakin, Club Funds; Janice McIntyre, Club Funds; Donald McIntyre, Sherman Co-op Grain Growers; Frank McKay, Grass Valley Grain Growers; Gary Miller, U. S. National Bank; Donald Miller, Harold and Cecil Eakin; Arnold Miller, Moro Grain Growers; Milton Fridley, James Weir Memorial Fund; and Jimmie Belshie, Club Funds.

SWIMMING LESSONS ATTRACT CHILDREN

Swimming lessons started Monday with 160 Sherman county children going to the pool in The Dalles to wade and practice swimming. Due to cold weather a smaller number attended later in the week. Monday night the high wind at The Dalles blew so much debris in the pool that it had to be drained and was cold for the youngsters.

Connie Wilson Named Queen of Conty Fair

Miss Connie Wilson, daughter of Mrs. Art Watkins of Wasco and Paul Wilson of Eugene, is to be the queen of the Sherman County Fair September 12-13-14. Misses Sharon Coons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coons of Moro and Miss Joann Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross of Moro will be princesses.

Decision on this all important point was made Sunday afternoon at the end of a program in which seven contestants vied at horsemanship talents, poise while being interviewed. Kenneth Fridley, fair board member, conducted the interviews and handled the program of finding the queen. Aided by the Dufur Riding club the Sherman Riders presented a program of riding features and a total of six races between parts of the queen contest.

Racing resulted in a victory for Freddie Dormaier on Blaze in the horse race for children under 12. Tommy Eakin was second and Mike Fields, third.

Topper Booter, Antone Rose and Peggy Girl placed in that order in the three-eighths race after a poor start. Sharon Coons, riding Antone Rose, was thrown on the backstretch after the race and suffered a sprained wrist and bruised shoulder.

Fair Fun won the 220 yard race for quarter horses with Lucky McCue second. Transbar took the half mile from DuWin and Rambler in 53.4 which was good enough time for the dusty track and not completely fitted horses.

Fair Fun, Stan Colesch's sorrel stallion also took the quarter mile event, beating Antone Rose and the Fields' horse, Goldy. Butch Helyer won the furlough race for children 12 to 16 with Rucky Brady second and Sherry Woods third.

The riding clubs had a pole bending race, won by Gordon Helyer, a hurry scurry, a judging of a large class of pleasure horses and a drill by boys and girls on Shetland ponies.

The day started with a buckaroo breakfast from 9 to 11 at which some 140 persons were fed. Between three and four hundred attended the afternoon program.

All queen contestants were mounted and many had very pretty horses. Horsemanship counted 25 percent. Other contestants than the winners were Joan Fridley, Caroline Lemley, Betty Dormaier and Donna Wilson.

Wheat Markets Generally Weak

The market for wheat maintained a fairly firm tone during the week influenced largely by light offerings since stocks of old crop wheat were becoming quite scarce. At the same time, exporters continued in the market for small quantities to fill out earlier commitments and mills bought a limited volume of special protein types. Trading in new crop wheat for future shipment continued light with growers not anxious to contract their crops at current bids of around \$2.31-2.33 per bushel, basis No. 1 grade, delivered coast. At the same time, buyers were not aggressive in view of the favorable prospects for a large 1952 crop of wheat in the Pacific Northwest. Winter wheat was heading out to well headed in the earlier sections and making rapid progress in later areas. While additional rainfall would be welcomed in most areas, only some local districts were suffering from lack of moisture.

CITY WELL DOWN NEARLY 400 FEET

The city well is now down about 390 feet and Boyd Bennett is drilling in a layer of very hard rock—as he has been for 30 feet. When that layer is penetrated the city will test the well to see how much water has been found.

Work on the new store and show room of the Moro Lumber & Fuel company has been completed and stock has been moved in. Sidewalks are laid and First street has a nice improvement.

Queen Connie speaks to her subjects immediately after the announcement of her election was made. Miss Wilson became queen of the Sherman County Fair after years of participation in it, starting with winning the boys and girls pony races on a little spotted pony. She was the unanimous choice of the three judges, all from outside the county.

The three girls pose in the grandstand: Princess Sharon Coons, with evidence of an injury from being thrown in a race, Queen Connie and Princess Joann Ross, all capable horsewomen.

Pictures were taken Sunday during the program given by the Sherman Riders and the fair board.



Historical Society Considers Fall Meeting, Contest

Probability that the Sherman County Historical society will hold a meeting in the fall, probably November, was discussed after a suggestion to that effect was made by new president Jim Tate at a directors meeting held last Thursday night. Additional public meetings to talk about the history of the county were proposed by Dr. Griffith at the annual picnic. If the meeting materializes it will include a dinner and a program.

Bills were paid for the picnic and the secretary reported that 210 had signed the register. A permanent marker committee was named to include Giles French, Oscar Ruggles, Albert Kaseberg and Donald Martin. Plans to have more copies printed of the song "Sweet Oregon" were also made.

A meeting will be called of the directors in September to plan a historical essay contest in the schools and to discuss further the fall meeting.

Rural Accidents More Often Fatal

Fenders are bent. Paint is scratched. Tempers are frayed. But a traffic accident on a city street still offers you a better chance at survival than one on an open highway.

This, according to the Oregon state department's traffic safety division, was proved again last week when accident analysts in the highway department sorted out last year's more than 74,000 traffic mishaps according to urban and rural location.

In 1951, the department said, 332 traffic deaths resulted from accidents on rural highways, while accidents within incorporated cities accounted for 96 deaths. In 1950, there were 330 rural deaths and 98 urban traffic killings.

Death results more frequently in rural accidents, the safety division said, because of the speed at which involved vehicles are traveling.

Spring and summer months are particularly hazardous in rural areas because of increased traffic flow. Many drivers on rural roads during this period are not used to high-speed travel and are unable to keep their cars under control.

Fathers-Sons To Be Served By Mothers-Daughters

The Mariners club of the Moro Community church is sponsor for a Father-Son banquet to be held at the church today, Friday at 6:30 p. m.

Invitation is for any father-son team to attend and members of the club have tickets to sell. Speaker for the dinner will be Dr. Ralph Walker of the First Presbyterian church of Portland who recently gave the Baccalaureate address to graduates of Oregon State college.

Jim Thomas Won First Place At Show

The name of James Thomas was erroneously omitted last week from the list of prize winners at the wheat league livestock show. Young Thomas is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thomas of Wasco and is in his first year of club work. His calf won first in division 1D, the lightest Herefords. The calf weighed 770 pounds and was sold for 45 cents.

ACCIDENT RECORD KEPT AT SALEM

Oregon drivers kept file clerks and typists in the secretary of state's office more than busy during the first five months of this year.

During that time, the department's drivers license division recorded 17,278 traffic violation convictions on driving records of Oregonians. The figure exceeds that of the same period last year by nearly 2,000.

Keeping tabs on traffic convictions makes it possible for license officials to spot potential highway trouble-makers. If a driver becomes what is known as a "repeater," he can, if he fails to reform, have his license suspended.

May convictions alone totaled 3,762, a figure surpassed to date only by the 4,721 convictions reported in March.

During May, the department suspended 232 licenses after court convictions of driving while intoxicated, and 20 for reckless driving. Other reasons for suspension last month included: violation of the basic rule, 11; hit and run, 4; failure to yield right of way, 2; and driving record (too many accidents or violations), 5.

Elections Interest Citizens and Tax Payers In Affairs

Next Monday and Tuesday will be days on which the voters of the Moro school district and the city of Moro can express themselves on two questions, one of which has received a great deal of attention recently.

June 16, Monday, voters of the central part of the county, will decide whether that district will build a new high school building or not. Before them is a bond issue of \$310,000. School board estimates are that the total cost in ten years will be 108.4 mills and interest will be 14.9 mills a year. The first year's millage is estimated at 13.54 mills, interest being greater then.

The school tax outside the city was 21.5 mills last year. The increase would be 71.4 percent in school taxes. In total taxes the increase would be 41.6 percent. Total millage outside the town would be 35.

Proponents are talking about the value of a new school and the probability of uniting the county's schools by construction of a new and modern building.

Opponents are talking about the bigger taxes and the inequality of one district building new facilities for an entire county.

Each admits the others arguments. The election will be held from two o'clock until 8 o'clock at the school house and anyone may vote whether he or she owns property or not.

On Tuesday there will be a special city election to decide whether to approve a levy over the six percent limitation or not. The levy is for \$9055 which will be about 40 mills. The valuation of the town was \$239,829 last year.

Purpose of the levy is to finish drilling a new well, in which the city already has invested some \$4000, and repairing the damage to the drainage ditch.

Last year the levies in the county were 20.4 for rural schools which everyone paid; 1.1 for Moro schools; 4.1 for general roads, which everyone paid; 6.0 mills for special roads which rural residents paid; 5.3 mills for general county.

The basic tax last year was therefore 29.8 mills. Road district number 1 (rural) paid 6.0 mills additional. School district taxes varied from .3 at Wasco to 6.9 at Kent. Grass Valley paid 5.9 mills.

The Wasco tax was 13.1 mills, Moro 46.5 and Grass Valley 9.8.

The proposed school building would add 13.54 to the Moro school district and the city levy would slightly reduce the 1951 city tax.

Range Management Subject of Talk

Range management and re-seeding program of the Bureau of Land Management on Taylor Grazing Land will be discussed by Hugh Thayer, district grazer, Monday, June 16, in the county courthouse. T. W. Thompson, county agent, announced this week.

Thayer has been requested to be present during the monthly meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation district meeting. Contributions of the Bureau of Land Management to range improvement on Taylor Grazing Land in cooperation with coordinated farm plans developed by the district will be sought. Sherman county ranchers having Taylor Grazing Lands are encouraged to attend. Regular business of the conservation district will be conducted prior to the range improvement discussions.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

The locust trees that seemed very hesitant about leaving out this spring finally made it and now look as fresh as if they had not waited for warmer weather. Blooms are still scarce, the latest remembered.

Harry Schenk, former deputy secretary of state for Oregon, former secretary of the Oregon Newspaper Publisher's association, and now an industrial representative in Portland, was in Moro to call on J. K. McKean and Giles French Wednesday.



'ERE'S 'OW... London buses, on a goodwill tour to the U.S. to promote travel in Britain, give free rides to the public in cities which they visit. Here, driver George Qwynn takes three pretty passengers. Buses are manned by their regular Cockney drivers and conductors, and they bear the route markers they bore in London—"Liverpool Street," "Buckingham Palace Road." They are making an 8,000-mile transcontinental tour of this country to stimulate American tourist interest in Britain.